

IN THE ABSTRACT

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A garage door opening and closing apparatus having improved operational safety includes a control circuit which responds to a number of input stimuli to generate commands to open and close a garage door as well as to stop garage door movement. Three relays respond to the commands via drive circuitry to actually connect door operating voltages to the windings of a door controlling motor. By redundancies in the operation of the three relays, faults in the operation of those relays result in safe door operating conditions. Additionally, the control circuitry upon issuing a door stop command, performs a test to determine whether or not the door is still moving. If the door is still moving, door up commands are generated by the control circuitry to place the door in a safe position.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice and add the following new claims 15-20:

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15. In a movable barrier operator comprising a movement control apparatus for controlling movement of a barrier in response to commands, the method comprising:
 sending a command to the movement control apparatus specifying one of open, close, or stop movement of the barrier;
 checking the movement control apparatus to determine whether the command is being correctly performed; and
 generating a signal when the checking step determines that the command is not being correctly performed.

16. A method according to claim 15, wherein a stop command is sent to the movement control apparatus thereby directing the barrier to stop, and the checking step checks the movement control apparatus to identify whether the barrier has stopped.